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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GEDULIN ET AL.

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Randall Winston

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 9, 14-22 and 27-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 9, 14-20 and 27-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/20/2008 has been entered.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 14-20 and 27-30 have been examined on the merits (claims 21 and 22 remain withdrawn from consideration).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 14-20 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young et al. (US 5,677,279) in further view of Iovanna et al. (US 5,436,169), Valter (Derwent Acc 1979-G6671B and/or SU 628925A, see abstract), Jorgensen et al. (US 4,370,317) and Haddad et al. (*The use of a low fat diet in the treatment of acute pancreatitis*, American Journal of Gastroenterology, (September 2000), Vol. 95, No. 9, pp. 2479).

Applicant claims a method of treating acute pancreatitis in a mammalian subject (i.e. human) comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of the amylin analog of 25,28,29 Pro-h-amylin, an analgesic and a pancreatic enzyme and/or a regimen (i.e. a low fat diet).

Young teaches a method of relieving the pain and/or treating painful inflammation disorders in a mammalian subject comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of the same amylin analog as the claimed invention amylin analog of 25,28,29 Pro-h-amylin in combination with an analgesic to treat painful inflammation disorders (see, e.g. see abstract, claims and claims 18-19 and column 4 lines 63-64). Young, however, does not teach that the mammalian subject's pain is caused by painful inflammation disorder such as acute pancreatitis nor Young teach the claimed pancreatic enzyme included within the composition and/or to include within the treatment of acute pancreatitis a low fat diet.

Iovanna et al. beneficially teaches that acute pancreatitis is a very painful inflammation condition and/or inflammation disorder (see, e.g. entire patent including abstract).

Valter beneficially teaches that acute pancreatitis is a very painful inflammation condition and/or inflammation disorder (see, e.g. abstract).

Jorgensen et al. beneficially teach that pancreatin treats pancreatitis (please note that pancreatin is defined as an extract from the pancreas of animals that contains pancreatic enzymes) (see, e.g. column 8 lines 36-41).

Haddad et al. beneficially teach to include within the treatment of acute pancreatitis a low fat diet (see, e.g. entire article).

It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have administered the same amylin analog as the claimed invention's amylin analog of 25,28,29 Pro-h-amylin and an analgesic to treat the painful inflammation disorder of acute pancreatitis in a mammalian subject because Young teaches that the amylin analog of 25,28,29 Pro-h-amylin and an analgesic treats painful inflammation disorders and Iovanna and/or Valter teaches that acute pancreatitis is a painful inflammation disorder. Thus, when the same amylin analog as the claimed invention's analog of 25,28,29 Pro-h-amylin in combination with an analgesic are administered to a mammalian subject body for treating painful inflammation disorders, the same claimed amylin analog would intrinsically treat the painful inflammation disorder of acute pancreatitis in addition to the same claimed amylin analog would also intrinsically have the same claimed functional effect as the claimed invention's functional effect (i.e. to reduce or inhibit the level of inflammation, enzymatic activity or enzymatic secretion in pancreatic cells). Moreover, it would have been obvious to modify Young's administration's method of administering the same amylin analog as the claimed inventions amylin analog of 25,28,29 Pro-h-amylin in combination with an analgesic to include the teaching of Jorgensen which states a pancreatic enzyme such as pancreatin is well known in the art for treating pancreatitis and/or to include the teachings of Haddad which discloses to include within the treatment of acute pancreatitis a low fat diet because the above combined teachings as a whole would

create the claimed method of treating the painful inflammation disorder of acute pancreatitis in a mammalian subject. The adjustments of other conventional working conditions (i.e. the substitution of the administration of one mammalian subject for another and determining suitable amounts/ranges of each active ingredient within the claimed composition), is deemed a matter of judicious selection and routine optimization which is well within the purview of the skilled artisan.

Accordingly, the claimed invention was *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, especially in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randall Winston whose telephone number is 571-272-0972. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on 571-272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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